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## Christian Revival Meetings

Evangelist George E. Lyon of Topeka will be in Medicine Lodge one week, beginning Saturday, December 3rd.

Elder Bishop M. Hopkins of this city has secured the services of Evangelist George E. Lyon of Topeka for a series of revival meetings. Elder Lyon will be here on Saturday and has promised to stay at least one week.

Mr. Lyon is one of Kansas's strong Evangelists. He is a graduate from Milligan College, Tennessee and Drake's University of Des Moines, Iowa, and is a splendid speaker and an earnest Christian exhorter.



GEO. E. LYON

He is at present Superintendent of the Kansas Christian Missionary Society. Elder Hopkins was ordained by him and entered the ministry under his advice and instruction. The success of these meetings is already assured.

## "A Nautical Knot"

The Medicine Lodge Choral Union will present "A Nautical Knot" at the opera house in this city on Thursday evening, December 15th. Preparations for this number have been under way for more than two months and a treat is in store for all who attend.

The proceeds will be reserved for a special fund for the Library Building and will be used for special purposes in the way of finishing the building.

The cast is as follows:  
Julia... Miss Frances Young  
Nance... Miss Pearl Clymer  
Barnabas Lee... Mr. Wright Terry  
Joe Stout... Mr. Donald Lindley  
Bill Salt... Mr. Harry Terry  
Jim Spray... Mr. Clifford Lindley  
Ned Bluff... Mr. Guilford Davis  
Jack Brace... Mr. Percy Knight  
Daisy... Miss Alice Martin  
Dora... Miss Georgia Steele  
Delia... Miss Muriel Best  
MRS. BLANCHE GRIFFIN, President.

## Birthday Party

C. L. Moomau was the victim of a very pleasant birthday surprise party on Sunday. Mrs. Moomau was in the conspiracy and it required more than ordinary dexterity on her part to keep the head of the family at home until the arrival of the guests. But with a woman all things are possible and she exercised extraordinary skill in persuading Mr. Moomau to remain and at the same time not giving a hint as to what was "in the air."

The guests arrived at 11 A. M., and had forethought to bring an ample supply of provisions. A fine dinner and a pleasant, social afternoon was enjoyed.

The guests were: Fred Moomau and family, E. P. Moomau and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Sleeper and Claude Moomau.

Mr. Moomau passed his 31st milestone on Monday, the 31st, but on account of some of the relatives not being able to be present on that day the party was arranged for the previous day.

## To Poultry Raisers

I have some Single Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerels and Pullets for sale. Stock of prize winners at Alva and Kiowa Poultry Shows. Stock guaranteed. Eggs in season. Write W. S. Ball, Route 1, Kiowa.

## "St. Elmo"

Few novels have been more widely read in the last forty years than "St. Elmo," a dramatization of which is to be presented at the Opera House Wednesday, December 7th. When the author, Augusta Evans-Wilson, died a few months ago, she left an estate of \$600,000. Over 75 per cent of this, it is said represented her royalties on "St. Elmo." Mrs. Wilson was constantly besieged with offers to permit the book to be made into a stage story, but only once, it is understood, was she persuaded to allow a play from it to be presented. This was some years ago and, exercising a woman's privilege, she changed her mind and the play was withdrawn. Now it has been made into what sterling critics call an excellent play, bringing into life the best situations and most thrilling incidents of the novel. The dramatization is by Miss Grace Hayward, whose literary bent has kept pace with her bright stage career. That it will please a great mass of theatre-goers is indicated by the cordial reception given it in the several cities in which it has been presented.

## Disturbing the Peace

John Wells and Bill Golden had a rough house in the Lasswell flat on Thanksgiving day. They were enjoying their Thanksgiving whiskey together in Wells's home and a fight ensued. The screams of the women who live in rooms in the same building attracted Marshal Schmidt, Mayor Skinner and Councilman Wadsworth, who took charge of the pair. They made good promises to appear in police court the following morning and they were released on that condition.

They appeared in police court, as agreed, and Wells was fined \$2 and costs, amounting to \$8, and Golden was fined \$25 and costs, amounting to \$31. The heavier fine in Golden's case was explained on the theory that he is a frequent police court character, this being his third or fourth offense this year.

Golden, however, claimed that he was a victim of circumstances this time. He says Wells invited him up to his rooms and he went up. Wells soon became very drunk and made assaults and he (Golden) defended himself until he got a chance to get away.

It is a difficult matter to mete out exact justice in a case of this kind.

## Compliments From Pennsylvania

The New Castle (Pa.) Herald contains the following complimentary mention of Miss Margaret Kernohan of this city who was elected county superintendent at the recent election:

"The many friends of Miss Margaret G. Kernohan, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, who visited Miss Effie McKibben at her home on Park avenue two years ago, will be glad to know that she has been elected county superintendent of the public schools of the county in which Medicine Lodge is the county seat. She was elected on the Republican ticket and it is quite an honor to be chosen to that position in the Sunflower state. Kansas has one of the best school systems in the United States and it is being made better each year. The writer had the good fortune to be present at the state meeting at Topeka last year and the advancement made last year puts the Jayhawker state among the top notchers."

## Mr. Strickland W. Gillilan

The next number of the lecture course will be Mr. Strickland W. Gillilan, Humorist, December 8th.

Mr. Strickland Gillilan, since his taking up the lyceum work has been a steady grower. He has never gone back.

His is one of the positive and distinct personalities presented to the world through the lyceum and the public prints.

The January Ladies Home Journal contains five poems of his, with an introductory paragraph by the editor, who commented upon the versatility of a writer who, being author of the five tender and serious poems there given, had also written the famous "Off agin, on agin, gone agin—Finnigan."

All persons indebted to us are requested to call and settle.—Collins & Tedrow.

## Bluff-Ball

Ralph B. Bluff and Grace M. Ball were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, Z. P. Ball, in this city at 12:30 p. m., on Sunday, November 28, 1910, by Rev. G. L. Rullison, pastor of the M. E. church.

The wedding, March, Lorchengrin, was played by Miss Mary Stitt of Coats, an intimate friend of the bride.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom and guests, numbering about fifty, were ushered into the dining room where a splendid dinner was served. The house decorations were pink and white.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk and the groom wore the conventional black.

The out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Ashenfelter, Putnam, Ok.; W. H. Ball and family, Annes, Kansas; W. S. Ball and family, Kiowa, Kansas; Miss Pearl Funk, Wichita, Kansas; Wayne Stitt, Glenn Shore, Misses Mary Stitt and Edna Ball, Coats, Kansas.

The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bluff, one of this community's best and oldest families. He was brought up here and is an upright, industrious young man and a successful farmer.

The bride is also well known by the people of this city and vicinity. She has followed the profession of a trained nurse for a number of years and is a young lady of refinement and is blessed with a pleasant, cordial disposition which has won her many friends.

The Index is glad for the privilege of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Bluff.

## Not a Tax Dodger

Col. John MacGregor does not endorse the style in which The Index handles his tax litigation case. From its first inception up to the appeal to the supreme court, he constructs The Index's news articles into an intimation that he is a tax dodger. He says he made no effort to conceal the contract from Assessor Stout at the time but, in fact, told him that he had such a contract and believed then, as now, that it is not taxable.

Col. MacGregor errs when he says that The Index published him to the world as a tax dodger. The Index published the facts as they existed, and editorially took the position that the asset, whatever its technical name is, should be taxed, which so far is the opinion of everybody who is familiar with the case, excepting Col. MacGregor and possibly his attorneys.

There is, however, nothing personal in the matter. It is right for Col. MacGregor to carry it to a final conclusion and we do not censure him for it.

## Thanksgiving Football

The Anthony high school eleven suffered another defeat on the Anthony gridiron yesterday in a score of 9 to 6 in favor of the Medicine Lodge high school. In the first quarter the game looked like easy candy for the Anthony kids, Canton for Anthony having scored a touch down and a successful goal kick. However a dusky son of Ham who played quarter back for the medicine makers blotted out all vision of a winning game for the Anthony boys when he made three clean goal kicks from the rear of the scrimmage line the last half scoring three points at each kick. It was a clean game with none but minor accidents. The school boys who were very fortunate in having the ebony colored lad to kick out a winning game for them when it looked as if they were outclassed.—Anthony Bulletin.

The Bulletin's report may be slightly biased and again it may not. But regardless—we're proud of the victory.

Guilford Davis returned home from his visit in Wichita Monday.

The C. W. B. M. will meet at the home of Mrs. G. M. Martin, Friday, December 2nd. A good attendance of members is earnestly desired.—Secretary.

W. S. Longman and wife and Miss Frieda Kline of Wellington arrived last Wednesday to visit with J. C. Richardson and family. Mrs. Longman and her daughter returned home on Saturday, and Mr. Longman on Monday.

## Celebrated 73rd Birthday

Rev. and Mrs. George Robinson of Sharon were agreeably and happily surprised by their friends and neighbors last Wednesday, November 23rd, in honor of Rev. Robinson's 73rd birthday. Fifty guests and their families, mostly church people, invaded their home near noon, bringing with them a great variety of good things to eat, and it is unnecessary to say that the entire party enjoyed a splendid dinner. The afternoon was spent in a genuine good, sociable time into which all entered most heartily.

It is very pleasant to Rev. and Mrs. Robinson to know that they are esteemed so highly in their own community where they have lived twenty-seven years. Though retired from the active work of the Presbyterian ministry on account of Mrs. Robinson's health, yet Rev. Robinson is at present supplying the United Brethren church of that vicinity and is preaching every Sunday and will occupy the pulpit until a regular preacher can be supplied.

The community has frequently shown its appreciation of his labors among them and Rev. Robinson is justly proud of and grateful to his friends and neighbors.

## A Home Saddened

Lucielle Wallace, the beautiful little baby daughter of Mrs. N. J. Wallace of Sharon, died early Tuesday morning, November 22, 1910, after a short illness.

Little Lucielle was born in Livingston county, Mo., July 11, 1909. Her mother came to Sharon shortly after the birth and has since resided there.

The funeral was held in the afternoon, Tuesday, November 22nd, and the remains laid to rest in the Sharon cemetery.

The death of this charming little child brings great sorrow to Mrs. Wallace and her friends and neighbors sympathize deeply with her in her great misfortune.

Lucielle was 1 year, 4 months and 11 days of age.

Mrs. Wallace, the aggrieved mother, is a sister of Mrs. Fred Holser of this township.

## St Mark's

Services for the second Sunday in Advent, Dec. 5th. Sunday school 10 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon 11 A. M. Evening song and addresses at 7:30 P. M. Subject at the evening service, The Holy Commission, its Symbolism.

Friday evening at 7:30 P. M. Litany, followed by choir practice.

REV. HOWARD CADY, Minister in charge.

## First Baptist Church

We were very grateful for the earnest consecrated worshippers who came through the storm last Sunday morning.

Next Sunday the pastor expects to preach both morning and evening. The evening subject will be "Behold the Man."

Miss Pearl Page, a missionary from China, is in this home land on a furlough, and will speak in our church next Monday night, Dec. 5th, at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Page visited here before going to China and made a large number of friends who will be glad to meet her again. This is a rare opportunity for the people of this vicinity and we most cordially invite the public to attend this service as well as all other gatherings. CLAUDE J. SPIERS, Pastor.

## Methodist Church

Next Thursday evening there will be a "Thank You" social at the church. All who subscribed on the recent indebtedness, all members of the Ladies Aid Society, all members of the Epworth League, all members of the church and all who are in any way affiliated with our church are cordially invited to attend.

The regular preaching services next Sunday. The pastor will begin preaching a series of sermons on the "Unspeakable Love of God." All cordially invited.

GEORGE LEDREW RULISON, Pastor.

Two little girl friends of Richard Woodward planned and carried out a surprise party on him Monday evening, it being his fourteenth birthday. Ice cream, cake, candy and apples were served. He received many nice presents and all left at 10:30, declaring they had a fine time.

## In Appreciation

The High Point Union Chapel of Eagle township was dedicated to the worship of God, Nov. 13, 1910. Thanks are due the pastors who so ably assisted. Also to those who donated to the furnishing of Chapel, as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Root... Organ  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKee, Window shades  
Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Thomas, \$5.00  
Dr. Cloud... 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hickie, 10.00  
Oliff Olson... 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kenney... 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Tip McCracken... 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith... 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Runyan... 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hall... 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Stranathan, 25.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith... 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Hille Smith... 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith... 5.00  
Mr. Wm. Smith... 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Avery... 2.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Otis Williams... 2.00  
Mr. Will Crites... 2.50  
Mr. and Mrs. John Williams... 1.50  
Mr. Jack Warwick... 1.00  
Mrs. May Binning... 1.00

Thanks are also due J. H. Minick, T. L. Lindley, Geo. Guthrie and L. W. Fullerton for painting and office work.

## The Gun Habit.

There will come a time when the law will deal with people who are in the habit of carrying firearms. The recent deaths caused in Barber county by careless handling of guns has aroused a vigorous sentiment against concealed weapons of all kinds, and County Attorney Field announces that extraordinary effort will be made to punish people who carry guns and other dangerous weapons.

The Hardtner tragedy of last week is particularly distressing and is due wholly to this inexcusable habit. It is beyond all understanding how any pleasure party can tolerate loaded or even unloaded guns in a crowd of this kind where the natural movements of the crowd tend toward accidental shooting.

It is the duty of every law abiding citizen to assist the public authorities in abolishing the gun carrying habit.

## Christian Church

Are you attending the fellowship meetings this week? Bro. W. T. Van Horn of the Presbyterian church will speak tonight. Bro. C. J. Spiers of the Baptist church tomorrow night. The minister will speak Friday night. Geo. E. Lyon will be here Saturday night.

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Senior C. E. 6:30 p. m.

We want next Sunday to be a record-breaker day.

Sermon by Geo. E. Lyon in morning, followed by communion service, and the annual election of officers of the church of the coming year.

Lyon will speak in the evening and every night next week.

The public is welcome and cordially invited to attend all our services.

BISHOP M. HOPKINS, Pastor.

## Auto Livery

Chas. N. Marshall is running an Auto Livery. Calls promptly answered. Will take you anywhere.

## Presbyterian Church Notes

The regular mid-week Sabbath day services will be held at the Presbyterian church except the prayer meeting which the Session voted to omit during the time that the special services at the Christian church are in progress. The pastor will preach on next Sabbath on subjects of interest to the pastor and people in reference to the work of the coming year.

The pastor is in hearty accord with the special services at the Christian church and is willing to do anything that he can to make them a blessing to the town. It is greatly to be hoped our people will co-operate with these brethren in this good work.

The Ladies' Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Lindley on Wednesday afternoon.

W. T. VAN HORN, Pastor.

St. Elmo next Wednesday night, December 7th.

Lost—A purple Amethyst set on gold ring, with two small diamonds, between home and school house.—Finder please return to, Eugenia Gaitskill.

## Shooting at Hardtner

One of the most deplorable accidents that ever visited this locality occurred at the Stone home, just east of Hardtner, last Monday evening, when the accidental shooting of W. C. Mitchell, took place.

The facts in the case as near as we can learn them, are:—W. E. Stone of the Hardtner State Bank had but lately become a benedict and to show him their good-will and appreciation a party of his neighbors gathered there for an old-fashioned "Charivari." Sometime during the forepart of the evening while the festivities were at their height, Mr. Mitchell who was standing on the ground just behind the crowd who were assembled on the porch, was accidentally shot and fatally wounded, dying the next evening at a little after three o'clock. The ball which caused his death was either a thirty-two or thirty-eight caliber, but there being so many of these guns in the crowd it was impossible to lay the blame on any one person.

This is but another of the many fatal accidents that occur every year on account of the carelessness of people who carry firearms, and while we greatly deplore the accident, yet we cannot return the dead man to our midst, and it would appear that this should be another warning to "Gun-toters" to beware and lay their weapons aside.

The case is a most particularly sad one as the deceased leaves behind a wife and one little child. Funeral services were held at the home at eleven o'clock, Friday, November 25th. Deceased was born March 14th, 1879, and died November 22nd, 1910, aged thirty-one years, eight months and eight days.—Kiowa Kansan.

Three good mares for sale. Inquire of H. W. Stevens.

The different banks are publishing their official statements this week. Look them up.

Miss Pearl Funk arrived from Wichita last Friday to visit about a week with her brother, D. C. Funk, and family.

Mrs. C. T. McCracken and daughter, Miss Mamie, departed last Wednesday to visit about two weeks with Mrs. McCracken's brothers—the Smith brothers—at Bucklin, Kansas.

O. V. Sherman and wife of Eagle township returned last Thursday from a month's visit in Florida. They are favorably impressed with the southern country and enjoyed the trip very much. They met Mr. and Mrs. Coryell, formerly of this city, at Orlando and report them doing well and enjoying excellent health.

Fred Hamilton called at the Index office on Monday and deposited a dollar for the truth disseminator. And this reminds us: It seems but yesterday that Fred was a mere lad. Now he is a well developed man—the type of sturdy young manhood that has made this country what it is. Industrious, courteous, honest and a constant help to those about him—these elements are a part of his being. There is need everywhere for young men of this kind.

A basket ball attraction is reported to have taken place at the opera house Saturday night but as the usual courtesies were not extended to the press we know little about it except what is heard at random here and there. It is said that two games were played—one between the Medicine Lodge boys and Sharon boys and the other between the girls of the two towns. The victors are reported to have been the Medicine Lodge girls and the Sharon boys but we were unable to learn the scores.

The newspapers of this county and adjoining counties have taken advantage of the demise of the Lasswell Tortoise to do a specialty a la punster, treating at length on phonetic spelling, original syllabication and unique printing. This is unkind. The Tortoise deserves credit for filling a long-felt want. It can consistently claim to have been different from any other paper in existence and published under difficulties that would have discouraged veteran newspaper men. We sincerely hope that after the dull winter months shall have passed away, the Tortoise will be "born again."